Technical Education Project of U.P.

1782. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project for external assistance is pending for clearance which was submitted by Technical Education Department of U.P.;

(b) if so, whether the same has been cleared;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the same is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (d) The State Government of UP had sent two project proposals seeking financial assistance, directly, from the World Bank for modernisation and improvement of Technical Education in UP. These were examined in this Ministry. As per procedure, the same were forwarded to the Department of Economic Affairs, with the recommendation that an External funding agency may be approached, for providing the assistance sought for.

AICTE norms for opening Engineering Colleges/Polytechnics

1783. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the norms laid down by the AICTE for opening new engineering colleges/polytechnics are not attractive to private parties;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the AICTE would reconsider to relax them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (d) The norms and Standard laid down by the All India Council for Technical Education for courses, curricula, physical and instructional facilities, staff pattern, staff qualifications, quality instructions, assessment and examinations are reviewed by them from time to time. The Council has been receiving

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overwhelming response from different parts of the country to start new institutions.

Buildings for Primary Schools in North-East

1784. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of primary schools in the NER, particularly in Meghalaya, which are not having their own buildings; and

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) According to 6th All India Educational Survey (1993) the number of primary schools without their own buildings in the North-Eastern States are as follow:—

S. No.	Name of the States	No. of schools without own buildings
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	55
2.	Assam	243
3.	Manipur	153
4.	Meghalaya	304
5.	Mizoram	32
6.	Nagaland	127
7.	Sikkim	13
8.	Tripura	167

(b) Construction of buildings for primary schools is mainly the responsibility of the State Governments. According to a formula worked out by Education Department in consultation with the Ministry of Rural Development, under Operation Blackboard scheme, 48% of the funds for construction of primary school buildings were being provided by the Rural Development Department under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), if the States raised 40% Non-JRY and 12% JRY State share. The scheme has been re-structure as Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) with effect from